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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 May 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's election of Group I, including claims 1-5 without traverse is acknowledged on 05/16/05. Claims 6-8 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is more than 150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is not clear what the weight of the golf is supposed to be. What is the weight of a golf ball that is actually used in a field?

Claim Suggestion

Claims 1 and 3 would read better if the expression "In" at the beginning of the claims were omitted. Claim 1 would read better if the expression "In a spherical golf ball having a plurality of dimples on a surface thereof, a golf ball for a putting practice" is

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changed to - - A spherical golf ball having a plurality of dimples on a surface thereof for a putting practice - -.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Worst (US Patent No. 4,284,276).

Worst disclosed a golf ball that has a groove (see element 48 in Fig. 11). The groove has a certain depth lower than the surface of the golf ball and the groove is certain width. The embodiment in Fig. 11 shows a width D that is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the diameter of the ball. However, Worst does not state the claimed actual groove depth and groove width as claimed. At the time the invention was made, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to a person of ordinary skill in the art to provide any measurement to the groove depth and width because Applicant has not disclosed that the stated measurements provide an advantage, is used for a particular purpose, or solves a stated problem.

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farrar (US Patent No. 2,135,210).

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Farrar disclosed a golf ball that has a belt. The belt has a certain height higher than the surface of the golf ball and the belt is certain width.

Fig. 1 shows some width for the belt of the ball (see element a). However, Farrar does not disclose the claimed actual belt height and width as claimed. At the time the invention was made, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to a person of ordinary skill in the art to provide any measurement for the belt depth and width because Applicant has not disclosed that the stated measurements provide an advantage, is used for a particular purpose, or solves a stated problem. Regarding the ball having a plurality of dimples, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide dimples on the Farrar's device in order to provide good flight characteristics to the ball.

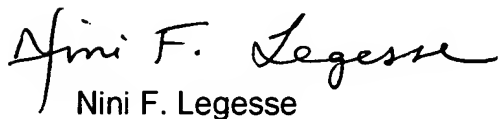
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nini F. Legesse whose telephone number is (571) 272-4412. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on (571) 272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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